

The Cabinet Order Specifying Information Referred to in Article 6, Paragraph (2), Item (ii) of the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products is hereby promulgated.

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(Cabinet Order No. 342 of December 1, 2023)

The Cabinet hereby enacts this Cabinet Order pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (2), item (ii) of the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products (Act No. 48 of 2016).

(Information Specified by Cabinet Order Referred to in Article 6, Paragraph (2), Item (ii) of the Act)

Article 1 The information specified by Cabinet Order referred to in Article 6, paragraph (2), item (ii) of the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products (referred to below as the "Act") is as follows:

- (i) information certifying that the trees have been logged in accordance with the items of Article 10-8, paragraph (1) of the Forest Act (Act No. 249 of 1951) (excluding items (vii), (viii), and (x), and for item (xi), limited to those specified by order of the competent ministry), information certifying that the permission stated in Article 34, paragraph (1) of the Act (including as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 44 of the Act) has been obtained, or information certifying that the trees have been logged in accordance with the items of that paragraph (excluding item (viii), and for item (ix), limited to those specified by order of the competent ministry);
- (ii) information certifying the contents of the certified business plan prescribed in Article 5, paragraph (2) of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Assurance of Stable Supply of Timber (Act No. 47 of 1996) (limited to the part concerning the logging of trees used as raw materials for wood and wood products prescribed in Article 6, paragraph (1), item (i) or item (iii) of the Act (referred to below as "domestic trees"));
- (iii) information certifying the contents of the specified thinning promotion plan prescribed in Article 5, paragraph (1) of the Act on Special Measures Concerning Advancement of Implementation of Forest Thinning (Act No. 32 of 2008) (limited to the part concerning the logging of domestic trees), the

- certified plan for a specified reproduction program prescribed in Article 10, paragraph (2) of that Act (limited to the part concerning the logging of domestic trees), or the certified plan for a specified planting program prescribed in Article 15, paragraph (2) of that Act (limited to the part concerning the logging of domestic trees);
- (iv) information certifying the contents of the plan for the promotion of activities for biodiversity conservation through cooperation among regional diversified actors (limited to the part concerning the logging of domestic trees) prescribed in Article 4, paragraph 1 of Act on the Promotion of Activities for Biodiversity Conservation Through Cooperation Among Regional Diversified Actors (Act No. 72 of 2010);
 - (v) information certifying that the mayor of the municipality has taken the disaster prevention measures prescribed in Article 42, paragraph (1) of the Forest Management Act (Act No. 35 of 2018) (limited to the logging of domestic trees) pursuant to Article 43, paragraph (1) of that Act;
 - (vi) information certifying that a disposition has been made by a local government regarding the logging of domestic trees (limited to a disposition where the provisions on which the disposition is based are contained in Prefectural or Municipal Ordinance or Rules);
 - (vii) information concerning a notification made to a local government regarding the logging of domestic trees (limited to notifications where the provisions on which the notifications are based are contained in Prefectural or Municipal Ordinances or Rules);
 - (viii) information issued by a body equivalent to the governmental organization of the country of harvest, or by the governmental organization of exporting country and any other equivalent to them, certifying that trees which are raw materials of wood and wood products prescribed in Article 6, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Act (referred to below as "foreign trees") have been logged in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country of harvest concerning the logging of trees;
 - (ix) information concerning a notification made to a governmental organization or others its equivalent in the country of harvest, which certifies that foreign trees have been logged in accordance with the laws and regulations of the relevant country of harvest concerning the logging of trees;
 - (x) regarding the logging of foreign trees to which the provisions of the laws and regulations of the country of harvest related to logging of trees do not apply, information certifying that the person logging the trees has ownership or any other right for logging those foreign trees;
 - (xi) information issued by the national or local government, certifying that trees have been logged in association with a business selling or entrusting the sale of logs produced from domestic trees owned by the national or local

government, or trees logged under an entrustment from the national or local government;

- (xii) based on a copy of a written notification or a copy of the certificate prescribed in Article 6, paragraph (2), item (ii) of the Act or the information stated in the preceding items, information indicating that a local government or a person designated by the competent minister has certified that there is a high probability that the wood and wood products prescribed in the items of paragraph (1) of that Article do not fall under wood and wood products pertaining to illegal logging.

(Competent Ministers)

Article 2 (1) The competent ministers in this Cabinet Order are the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

- (2) The order of the competent ministry in this Cabinet Order is an order issued by the competent minister.

Supplementary Provisions

This Cabinet Order comes into effect on the date of enforcement of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Promoting the Distribution and Use of Legally Harvested Wood and Wood Products (Act No. 22 of 2023) (April 1, 2025).